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## ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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### This Sunday! Adult Formation: Praying With African American Spirituals

*Sunday, April 6, 4-5:30, Library*

Come sing and pray the African American Spirituals with us and expand our knowledge of racial history in the United States! This session will focus on "**My Lord, What a Morning**," a spiritual with a call-and-response, verse-refrain structure.



As with many spirituals, the text does not have a single author or composer but was probably written collectively. Many spirituals were written by enslaved people, but "**My Lord, What a Morning**" was more likely written by free Black people. The text of the spiritual refers to multiple passages in scripture, from falling stars in Revelation and Matthew, to the trumpet blasts in 1 Corinthians and 1 Thessalonians.

All are welcome to join us in the Library from 4:00-5:30 on Sunday, April 6. Any questions, please reach out to the leaders, [Mother Annie Cooper](#) and [Chris Cameron](#).

### Youth-Led Easter Egg Hunt is Looking for Donations and Assistance

The St. Anne's Youth Group will be hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt after the 10 AM service on Easter Sunday, and we need your help! Please consider donating the following to support us for this event:



**By 12 PM, this Sunday (4/6), we need :**

- **Unfilled plastic Easter Eggs**, various sizes (Parents, if you have some cluttering up your house, this is a great way to get rid of them!). We need approximately 240 eggs to supplement the 210 we have leftover from last year.
- **Individually-wrapped/package candy**. Please adhere to the policy of NO tree nuts, NO peanuts, NO chocolate and NO dairy.

**On Easter Sunday, 4/20, we are looking for:** folks willing to help supervise/chaperone the egg-hiding during the 10:00 AM service, and also during the egg hunt after the service. Must be trained in Safe Church. If interested or you have questions, please [contact Sarah Brummett](#).

## Living Stories Feedback

On Sunday, Mother Jess shared her sermon via Living Stories. As you know, St. Anne's is a part of the Living Stories Sermon Cohort. There are 13 congregations nationwide using this innovative method of engaging with scripture.



The founder of Living Stories Sermons, Peter Levenstrong, is seeking to learn from people's experiences and gain wisdom from their feedback. Completing the form below will help him better understand how Living Stories is shaping engagement and reflection in different communities.

Please take a moment to [complete this short feedback form](#) to share your insights.

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## Hands Off Rally in DC

*This Saturday, April 5*



There is a March on DC happening this Saturday, April 5. Per the website, this is a "mass mobilization day to send a message to the world that we do not consent to the destruction of our government and our economy for the benefit of Trump and his billionaire allies." Additional details may be found by [clicking here](#).

The March starts at the Washington Monument at Noon. If you would like to go down as a group, parishioners Linda Calkins and Susan Schreiner are going and would be happy to meet up with others. They will metro from the Wiehle-Reston station to the Smithsonian metro stop. From there, it is about a half mile walk to the March on the Washington Monument grounds.

If you would like to join them or have questions, please [email Susan Schreiner](#) or call/text her at 240.429.8191. She can give you more details on the time they plan to meet.

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## Remember and Honor Your Loved Ones with Easter Flowers

*Make your donation by Monday, April 14*

You are invited to make a donation of beautiful Easter flowers in memory of a loved one who passed away, or in thanksgiving for the blessings of family members or friends.



Recommended donation is \$45 and must be received by Monday, April 14, to be included in the worship bulletins at all Easter Services. [Make your dedication here](#).

If you would like to help our flower team arrange Easter flowers, please [contact Martha Furniss](#) for details!

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## Maundy Thursday Agape Meal

*Thursday, April 17; 6:15 PM*

Please join us on Maundy Thursday - April 17 - for our Agape Potluck Meal and Service. For the potluck, and in reflection of Jesus's Last Supper with the apostles, we

request simple and symbolic food items such as hummus, olives, pita, cheese, matzo/unleavened bread and green salad. All contributions are greatly appreciated. For those bringing food, we would appreciate it if you arrive 15 minutes early (by 6:00 PM) to help us get the food set up.

[Click here for the Signup](#). Dinner will be at 6:15 PM and then we will make our way to the sanctuary for worship at 7:30 PM. All are welcome! If you have any questions about the potluck, please [reach out to Eileen Ellis](#).



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## 2025 Garden Party Save the Date!

*Sunday, June 8, 4:00-6:00 PM*

The Garden Party will be held on June 8 this year and will look a little different than in previous years and we're so excited about it!

This is a time for St. Anne's to come together outside of worship to celebrate the phenomenal year we had and to launch into summer...an opportunity to enrich our souls with the arts; a time for YOU to showcase your craft, your skill, to perform, to provide a special treat, to fellowship and to just have fun!



The first half of our time together will be an interactive display of art in various mediums by St. Anne's parishioners. If you would like to showcase your handmade pottery, crocheted items, painted pieces, photography, or anything else you create, we'd love to see what you do! We're also looking for folks interested in teaching others a skill...planting an aster, designing a pinch pot, knitting...the sky's the limit!

During the second half of our time we will enjoy performances in the sanctuary. Do you write poetry? We'd love to hear you recite it! Do you like to sing? Play an instrument? Read monologues? Stand-up comedy? Come perform for us!

There are many opportunities...crafts, performances, refreshments, volunteering to be available on the day of the event to help where needed. Be thinking about how you would like to participate. The sign up sheet will be available starting next week so for now, be sure to put June 8 on your calendar!

Please reach out to [Kendall Jamison](#) with any questions.

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## Food Pantry: Immigrant Rights and Diapers

**Immigrant Rights:** Many of the people who come to the Food Pantry's food distributions are immigrants. Given the current political climate towards immigrants, the Pantry has taken certain steps to ensure that the rights of our food recipients are respected and that they know what their rights are. For starters, we provide them with information about their rights. We have printed cards in Spanish, Korean and Chinese that provide guidance on dealing with immigration agents, including their right to remain silent and to not allow agents, who do not have a warrant, into their home.



Prior to food distributions, we post signs stating that the distribution is a private event and we ask people for their identification cards we issue to all food recipients in order to ensure that only food recipients are being admitted to the distribution. The Just Neighbors

organization has been a valuable source of information and advice to the Food Pantry as we try to assist our food recipients to navigate these difficult times.

**Diaper Inventory:** At the March 20 Pantry distribution, we handed out 79 packages of diapers to 49 clients. We also had baby clothes and various baby food items that had been donated. Many parents are very happy to have these items.

At this time, we are completely out of Size 1, 2, 3 and 7. We have only 1 carton of size 4. Our stock of size 5 is adequate but we need several more cartons of size 6. It's interesting to see the demand for the smaller sizes pick up, and we enjoyed seeing a newborn baby with her mom. Our clients are so appreciative of the help we can provide and we are grateful to St. Anne's parishioners for always stepping up to help keep it stocked.

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## Come **LIVE IT OUT** at VBS This Summer - REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

June 23-27, 9:00-12:15; Camp Sunday, June 28  
Deadline to register is May 4

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

VBS will be held in June this year (June 23-27) and we'd love to have our little campers back for another week of summer fun! Gredel Ellender and Alicia Peralta have agreed to be Co-Directors for the camp and we are so grateful to them!



**LIVE IT OUT** will help us discover how to love like Jesus by focusing on five key aspects of faith: love, live, share, forgive, and serve. Each aspect is rooted in a Bible story that encourages campers to embody these values in their daily lives. This emphasizes practical application, guiding children to live out their faith through tangible actions that reflect Christ's teachings.

## Looking for VBS Volunteers

We are also looking for adult and Jr. Counselor volunteers! Come and make a difference in the lives of our St. Anne's children. If interested, please complete the form below.

- [VBS Junior Counselors Volunteer Form](#) (rising 7th grader-12 grade)  
Get your school service hours at VBS!
- [Adult Volunteer Form](#)

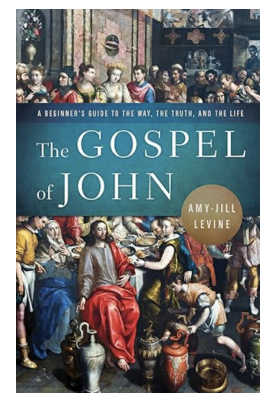
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## Monday Morning Bible Study

*Mondays through April 28, 10:30-12:00, Zoom*

The Monday Morning Bible Study began its last course for this semester on March 24 and you're still welcome to join. The text is *The Gospel of John* by Amy-Jill Levine. It's a 6-lesson study available on Amazon and Cokesbury.

We meet via ZOOM from 10:30-12:00 on non-holiday Mondays. Class format includes a brief video presentation by the author followed by class discussion.



Newcomers are always welcome. [Contact Jane Smith](#) to be added to the roster.

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## Moving Mountains Mission Trip

June 14-21, 2025

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

This trip is an incredible opportunity to make friends and bond with St. Anne's teens. Friendships will be forged that continue throughout the year, as our teens this past summer have shown us! Clifton Poole will lead the trip once again.



The mission gives participants an opportunity to volunteer for building/home repair projects, teaching elementary school students in the community, or scientific research at Estanoa Wetlands Learning Center.

Teens will lead work sites, admin crews, make decisions and keep things moving.

The trip is open to rising 9th graders through 2nd year college students. Exceptions are made for rising 8th grade when their parent/guardian comes along.

Participants will travel by car to St Paul, VA located in the Appalachian Mountains in southwestern Virginia. The area is known for its beauty and its great people.

Our accommodations are provided by the Grace House on the Mountain, Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. More information is [available here](#).

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## Diocesan Truth and Reparations Task Force News: A Message from the Bishop

With hearts full of joy and hope, we celebrate the remarkable work begun in 2022 by the Truth and Reparations Task Force. The passion, dedication, and focused work to initiate repair and healing has laid a strong and vital foundation for our journey toward realizing reparations and racial justice in the Diocese of Virginia.



Building on this strong beginning, the members of the Standing Committee and I recognize the need to re-form and refresh the Task Force to focus on the next crucial phase of our work. To ensure a dynamic and inclusive process, we will soon launch an open call for nominations for new members of the Task Force while retaining the valuable experience of several existing members.

The renewed Truth and Reparations Task Force, in close collaboration with the Ministry for Racial Justice and Healing, will continue to be guided by the principles of justice, repentance, reconciliation, and community involvement—committed to the work of education, listening, and mending. [Click here for the Bishop's full message and a video.](#)

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# HOLY WEEK

2025



**Palm Sunday**  
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

April 13



**Maundy Thursday**  
6:15 p.m. Agape Dinner  
7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with foot washing

April 17



**Good Friday**  
12:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

April 18



**Easter Vigil**  
7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

April 19



**Easter Sunday**  
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.  
Easter Egg Hunt begins after 10 a.m. service

April 20

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## St. Anne's Vestry

Daria Antonucci, James Brooks (senior warden), Sarah Brummett, Bernadette Capelle, Rosie Horn, Carol Leos, Christian Pelfrey, Clifton Poole, Suzanne Robinson, Nancy Santoro, Charlie Saunders (junior warden), Cat Tucker, The Very Rev. Jessica Holthus (rector & chair), Rev. Dr. Nancy D. Searby (deacon)

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## Contact Us

[The Very Reverend Jessica Holthus](#), Rector  
[The Reverend Dr. Nancy D. Searby](#), Deacon  
[Robert Hamilton](#), Music Director

[James Brooks](#), Senior Warden  
[Sheri Schaffer](#), Parish Administrator  
[Angie Gray](#), Office Administrator

Our offices are open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. We are available by phone and email at other times. We check the office voicemail at (703) 437-6530 regularly.

The **deadline to submit an announcement for enews is 12:00 pm on Tuesdays** . Email it to Sheri at [administrator@stannes-reston.org](mailto:administrator@stannes-reston.org). In addition to the text of your announcement, include any graphics, photos and links in your email.

To **reserve space at St. Anne's for an upcoming meeting/event**, email Sheri at [administrator@stannes-reston.org](mailto:administrator@stannes-reston.org) with the date, time and number of people you expect in attendance.



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